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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners April 19, 2006

Nevada to Host International Conference of Parole Board Officials

Top US and international parole experts to offer training and insights to attendees and news media

Sparks, Nevada~The Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners is hosting the International Association of Paroling Authorities from April 23-26, 2006 at John Asquaga's Hotel and Casino. Over 200 parole officials from the US, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, Hong Kong and other countries will be in attendance. Appointed and elected officials and criminal justice members from several Nevada agencies will also participate.

The presentations and training classes are open to members of the press who wish to cover the event. A sample of the topics to be covered include: Reshaping Public Opinion about Parole for Sex Offenders, Successful Transition and Reentry for Safer Communities, Alternative Dispositions for Technical Violators, Global Positioning Tracking and much more. For a complete schedule of the curriculum, go to www.apaintl.org and click on the conference link.

Follows is a sample of the presentation highlights~

Sunday April 23~

Council of Parole Board Chairman meeting: The head of this group is Charles Traughber, Chairman of the Tennessee Parole Board and the longest serving Chairman of a parole board in the US.

Monday April 24~

Opening Session: Keynote Speaker is Congressman Robert "Bobby" C. Scott, US House of Representatives of Newport News, Virginia.

Tuesday April 25~

Mr. Cameron Batjer, retired Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court and former Chairman of the US Parole Commission. He will be presented with the Ben Baer award by the organization.

Wednesday April 26~

Forum on Prisoner Reentry and Collateral Consequences: Mr. Marc Mauer, Executive Director of the Sentencing Project, Washington DC. Mauer is well known as an authority on sentencing and reentry issues.

Bios of keynote speakers and trainers are available upon request. For more information on the conference or to schedule a one-on-one interview with any of the officials, contact DPS PIO Kim Evans at 775-684-4554 or Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners Chair Dorla Salling at 775-687-5049.